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SUBJ: HAITIAN ANTI-GOVERNMENT EXILES

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1. BAHAMIAN COMMISSIONER OF POLICE S. THOMPSON INFORMED EMBASSY TODAY THAT ON LAST THURSDAY OR FRIDAY A HAITIAN SLOOP WAS IN THE VICINITY OF FRESH CREEK, ANDROS ISLAND, BAHAMAS AND THAT WHEN BAHAMIAN POLICE CONSTABLE AND IMMIGRATION OFFICER ATTEMPTED TO BOARD THEY WERE RESISTED BY 40 (ESTIMATE) MEN WITH CUTLASSES AND STICKS. REINFORCEMENTS WERE FLOWN IN AND REMAINED THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT BUT THE SLOOP HAD VANISHED.

2. THE SLOOP LANDED ON GRAND BAHAMA THE NEXT DAY WHERE BAHAMIAN AUTHORITIES ARRESTED 50 HAITIANS. THESE MEN ARE PRESENTLY IN CUSTODY ON GRAND BAHAMA.

3. COMMISSIONER THOMPSON STATED THAT HAITIAN CONSUL GENERAL IN NASSAU HAD SAID THAT THE HAITIANS WERE POLITICAL REFUGEES OUT OF CUBA.

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